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TO: Energy and Environment Committee

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SUBJECT: Task Forces and Working Groups Reporting to EEC

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:



RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Recommend to the Regional Council a structure for the task forces and working groups within the purview of the Energy and Environment Committee.

BACKGROUND:

On March 6, 2008, at the request of the President, the Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) discussed restructuring the Task Forces and Working Groups within their purview. The EEC directed staff to draft options for consideration at their next meeting.

Based on the discussion, staff has developed the following options:

1. Merge existing task forces and working groups into one Task Force, which would track environmental mitigation measures identified in the Regional Transportation Plan and integrate the environmental topics within the Regional Comprehensive Plan (energy, water, solid waste, open space and air quality.) Membership would be open to other policy committee members.

The Transportation Conformity Working Group is a federally mandated forum to support interagency coordination and will remain intact.

2. The task forces and working groups within the purview of the EEC would continue to meet on an ad-hoc basis. Existing groups include the Solid Waste Task Force, Water Policy Task Force, Open Space Working Group and Energy Working Group.

STAFF RESOURCES:


Staff estimates 20 person-hours of time required per meeting, including preparation of agenda, agenda materials and attachments, and meeting minutes. Additional resources required include printing costs for agendas and handouts, and staff travel costs for off-site meetings.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Staffing costs for task forces and working groups for fiscal year 2007-08 are included in the OWP under 08.020.SCGS1 and 08.035.SCGS1. If the task forces and working groups continue as currently structured, additional funds would need to be drawn from the General Fund.

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